



MedPAC names Mark E. Miller, PhD, new executive director

Washington, DC – The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) named Mark E. Miller, PhD, as its new executive director. Dr. Miller brings more than 15 years of health policy experience to his new MedPAC post. He is currently the assistant director of health and human resources at the Congressional Budget Office, where he is responsible for policy analysis related to federal health programs, private health insurance, social security, and other issues. Previously, he served as the deputy director of health plans at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Before CMS, he was the health financing branch chief at the Office of Management and Budget, with responsibility for policy and budget issues related to Medicare, Medicaid, and the state children's health insurance program, private insurance issues, and CMS' discretionary budget.

"Dr. Miller has distinguished himself as an expert in the health policy arena throughout his professional career. The Commission is excited about the leadership and vision he will bring to our organization," said Glenn M. Hackbarth, JD, chair, MedPAC.

Dr. Miller is also the author of multiple works on Medicare hospital and physician payment systems, geographic variation in the use of health services, beneficiary access to Medicare, and Medicaid managed care. Many of these publications were issued while he was a senior research associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC.

Dr. Miller earned his PhD in public policy analysis from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He replaces Murray Ross, PhD, who is joining Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Policy as the director of health policy studies in Oakland, California.

Dr. Miller will join MedPAC in the fall. Until then, Lu Zawistowich, ScD, continues as Acting executive director.

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